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Sir:

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On information and belief, I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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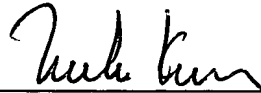
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It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement and the listed documents be considered by the Examiner.

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